

LOOKING FORWARD

February 26-April 12—One Great Hour of Sharing offering will be collected. More information can be found in the News, Notes, and Upcoming Events section.

Thursdays, March 5-April 2—5:00 p.m. Pastor Deb will be leading a Lenten study. See details in the News, Notes, and Upcoming Events section.

Sunday, March 15—Youth
Sunday—Plan to attend and support
our youth as they lead our worship
service that day.

Sunday, April 5—Palm Sunday

Thursday, April 9—7:00 p.m.—
The Maundy Thursday Service will be in the Sanctuary.

Friday, April 10—7:00 p.m.—The North End Churches will observe Good Friday with a service at First Christian Church. Choir members from the participating churches, including Trinity, will join together to offer special music.

Sunday, April 12—Join us for worship on **Easter Sunday**. Watch for upcoming announcements for other activities on Easter Sunday.

Trinity Triumph

March/April 2020

PERU-PRESBYTERIAN PARTNERSHIP

Trinity Partnership with Chenoa Stock and her husband, José Luis Claure (Jose)--PC(USA) Mission Co-Workers in Peru



Chenoa and José with Leandro

Dear Trinity United Presbyterian Church,

As it is the first newsletter of the year, I want to wish you all a happy new year! On February 7th, we celebrated our first-year anniversary of moving to Peru, so we are definitely lifting up the past year of learning and growth and looking forward to a new year of possibilities that God will lay before us personally and in our ministry here.

We ended the year by celebrating Christmas in Bolivia with Jose's family. Given the political unrest that had been occurring there since late October, due to corrupt presidential elections, we were grateful we were able to safely travel and be with them. It was a joyful time to be with family, especially for Leandro, as he learned to adjust to altitude, turned two on January 4th, got his first haircut, and experienced real downpours of rain! (Rain is scarce to nonexistent in the desert of Lima.)

Upon our return to the hot summer time here in Lima, we returned to work. We attended the General Assembly of our partners, the Evangelical Church of Peru (IEP), in the city of Huánaco in central Peru. It was an interesting time to meet, talk, and plan with some of our partners; be introduced to more leaders of the church; as well as learn about how the denomination functions with all of its joys and challenges. A new president was elected after we departed, so we will be meeting with him next week to officially introduce ourselves and renew our covenant with the IEP.

Chenoa's column continues in the News, Notes, and Upcoming Events section of the newsletter.

Pastor's Ponderings

Deb Bowsher

Dear Church,

Lent. The word itself sounds almost gentle, like a soft woolen blanket that wraps around you on a raw March night, keeping you safe, dry and warm. Or perhaps like a good deed you might do for a friend: "I lent the neighbors cream and sugar so they could have their morning coffee."

And yet the season of Lent is not thought of as so cozy.

After all, it is March. The weather is dreary, raw and (probably) quite rainy. As much as we'd like to get outside for a neighborhood walk, or to prepare the garden for the growing season ahead... it's just too muddy, too damp, too grey. It simply isn't quite yet time.

Better go back inside for a hot cuppa', a good book and a nap.

What's more, remembering Jesus' journey towards the cross is something of a challenging faith journey.

- · How could he have chosen to give up his life to let the hungry and poor know someone cared (and *cared* and *cared*!) for them so much that he'd bet his life on their value?
- · Does he care for me as he did for them?
- · How can I let him know how grateful I am for his life?

These thoughts are a bit worrisome, and like getting the taxes done, we'd often rather deal with them later.

But Lent is as inevitable as was the cross. You can't have one without the other.

And quite honestly, I am glad for that. You see, I believe we need to set aside time each year to reflect on what it is about this man Jesus that we have decided to commit ourselves to living as he did. We need to reconsider if his way of life is the way we have lived our lives, and if it's the way they should be lived in the future.

Five of the young people who've been raised in this congregation are actively processing these questions right now.

Since last fall these young adults with incredible, curious minds and great big hearts have been working with Kris Beebe and Jennifer Ardrey to figure out if they really do believe that Jesus is their Lord and Savior.

They've been learning what it means to be a Disciple of Jesus and show his compassion to the people and world they touch.

And they are looking at how they will answer four big questions that face Presbyterian Christians everywhere: Will you devote yourself

- · to the Church's teachings?
- · to the Church's fellowship?
- · to the breaking of bread?
- · to prayer?

Those questions may look easy. But we all know that truly living life as a follower of Jesus' way is actually quite hard!

It's with that in mind I invite you to take time over the six weeks of Lent to take a closer look at your own faith life and ask yourself the same questions they are asking of themselves.

- · Am I following Jesus' teaching of loving God and loving others as I love myself? Do I read God's holy word regularly? Have I thought about how I am living out the meaning of the words of our Presbyterian confessions of faith? Have I really tried to walk the talk lately?
- · Am I investing in relationships with my church family? Am I spending time with other members to simply talk (without an agenda!) or enjoy life together in a more active way?
- Do I do my best to worship regularly especially on days when the Lord's Supper is offered even if this means putting off (not totally cancelling) a leisure activity that I might enjoy? (OMG!!!)
- Do I take time to talk with God in a meaningful way each day? Do I listen quietly during those times for the Spirit's presence? Do I watch for God's activity in my daily comings and goings? Do I respond to those nudges I feel that must be "a God thing"?
- · AND ONE MORE TOUGHT: Do I remember to regularly show my appreciation for the life God has given me by living as Christ taught his first Disciples?

People often hear that we have to give things up during Lent in order to experience the pain Jesus felt as he gave up his life for those he loved. This is one valid way of looking at this faith journey. But I would also argue that Jesus felt not only physical pain, but spiritual joy and thanksgiving as he went through his earthly life – even unto death on the cross.

I say that in the firm belief that because we are called to share our lives with him and in service <u>to</u> him, Lent is a wonderful time to invest in our relationship with him and our faith in him. Lent is a special time when we can make room in our lives to focus attention on wrestling with the faith questions outlined above.

Most of all, Lent is a time to step away from our everyday lives to thank God for all the gifts of our lives (especially that Jesus cared and cared enough for us to die for us!) by also offering ourselves in service to others who may need support of some kind – spiritual, emotional, physical or even financial.

Yes, March is chilly and dreary, which makes Lent feel much the same. But through reflection, prayer and service in Jesus' name the time can become cozy and warm, too. Thanks be to God for the gift of this holy season!

In Peace,

Rev./Pastor Deb.





We are a local chapter of an international 501(c)3. Learn more at walkwithadoc.org

This pastor-led group is a fun and safe place to go for a walk, talk about wellness, and meet new friends. The event is **FREE** and all are welcome!

A pastor provides a brief devotion each month before we walk a mile together.

First Saturday of Each Month 8:30 AM Colony Square Mall - 3575 Maple Ave. (Meet at the food court!)

Staying Connected at Trinity

Sermons and Special Music: The sermons and special music from each Sunday's worship service can be found on the church website – www.trinityup.org.

Newsletter Information: If you have information for the newsletter, please e-mail Maggie Nussbaum at nussmargan27@gmail.com, phone her at (740)-455-2004, or place a note in her mail slot in the office.

Bulletin Information, Concerns, Comments, or Questions: If you have information for the church bulletin, or if you wish to contact Pastor Deb, please call the church office at (740)-452-8482, call her cell at (614)-309-0417, or e-mail her at revdebbowsher@gmail.com.

Trinity Website

The Trinity website contains information about our church, sermons and special music from each Sunday's worship service, newsletters, photos, and other items of interest. You will also find a short profile of Chenoa Stock, the mission co-worker in Peru (formerly in Bolivia) whom we support, as well as pictures and additional newsletters she sends us on a regular basis. Check out the website at www.trinityup.org.

Follow Trinity on Social Media

Trinity has a social media presence with an official Facebook page. If you are a Facebook user please like and follow us.

This link will take you directly to Trinity's Facebook page.

https://www.facebook.com/Trinity-United-Presbyterian-Church-117185184968159/?ref=br rs

We hope the Facebook page will be of interest and useful for our Trinity Family members. Scripture readings and sermon topics are currently posted two or three days before each Sunday's worship service. News of upcoming events and other timely news items are posted, as well.

News, Notes, and Upcoming Events

Important Reminder from Building and Grounds

If you are leaving an evening meeting after the doors have been locked, or if you are leaving through a door other than the main doors after worship service, please double check that the doors are latched and secured. All outside doors, other than the main sanctuary entrance doors, are kept locked on Sunday mornings. The main doors are locked soon after the beginning of the service.

Thank You

Thank you so much for the offering that you collected for our food pantry and for all the peanut butter and tuna items. Thanks again!

Blessings, Coburn Food Pantry

Per Capita for 2020

Per capita for 2020 is \$30.56, the same amount as in 2019. This supports our denomination's work at the presbytery, synod, and general assembly. Those members who are able to contribute their per capita help to ease this payment from the general fund.

Muskingum Valley Presbytery Meeting—February 8, 2020

The local parish hosted a full house on February 8th for the Muskingum Valley Presbytery meeting at Trinity. Blessings and prayers were lifted, as well! Thank you to all who helped in any way to ensure that the day ran smoothly. Our hospitality was greatly appreciated!





Lenten Bible Studies

Pastor Deb will be leading a Bible study at 5:00 p.m. on Thursdays from March 5th through April 2nd, using the book *Lent in Plain Sight: A Devotion Through Ten Objects* by Jill J. Duffield. Books are available to purchase for \$10 for those interested in having a copy.

Note: This book will also be used in the Thursday morning Women's Bible Study during March through May. Maggie will be leading these lessons, which will be different from the lessons Pastor Deb prepares. Books are optional for the Women's Bible Study, but participants may be interested in purchasing a copy.

Tri-Giving Offering

The recipient of the Tri-Giving offering for January-April is **The Fellowship of Christ's Community**, the outreach ministry of Central Presbyterian Church, which offers a Sunday meal, a Learning for Life Class, and a worship service after the meal.

One Great Hour of Sharing

With the beginning of Lent (February 26th-April 12th), you are invited to participate in the special offering of One Great Hour of Sharing. This is one of the two special offerings of the Presbyterian Church USA in which we participate.

This offering provides assistance and support to three different programs-Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, Presbyterian Hunger Program, and Self-Development of People. These programs work in different ways to serve individuals and communities in need. They provide sustainable food, clean water, sanitation, education, and opportunity to people that gives them safety, sustenance, and hope.

Envelopes for OGHS will be found at the back of the pews with other offering envelopes and can be placed into the offering plates at that time of the service. Additional information about this campaign will be provided during Lent.

Emergency Response Committee

Jane Reed

Safety Update from the Emergency Response Committee:

Many of you have already received an email from Pastor Deb regarding new safety and security measures at Trinity. We are including this news in the *Trinity Triumph* for those without computer access.

Over the last several years conversations have bubbled up regarding the security of the church facility. We recognize there are far too many tragedies happening in places where people gather – including church buildings. Still, we are Christ's body on earth and we want to welcome those who knock on our doors... Yet we all want to feel safe in our surroundings. How do we respond in this situation?

Recently many congregation members met with a detective from the Zanesville Police Department to learn how we can proactively protect one another while here. During that meeting, we were made aware of additional security concerns at Trinity that warrant everyone's attention.

So that we can move forward to address all these concerns, a special session meeting was called, and the Emergency Response Committee made a motion that all doors to the church - except for the main entrance, be locked on Sundays. The motion was approved by session.

This new security measure became effective immediately, beginning with the worship service of February 16, 2020.

The main entrance doors will be unlocked at 9:00 a.m. Sunday mornings, and they will be locked after the Scripture is presented in the chancel near the beginning of the service. An usher will be present in the narthex during the service to admit anyone arriving after the main entrance has been locked.

Please know that this decision was not made lightly, and there was much discussion on this safety issue. Many other churches have already adopted this practice for Sunday services.

We realize that this may impact parking choices for some, but hopefully this will not be a hardship, as we aspire to be proactive in the safety for everyone.

As an additional reminder, please remember to always lock car doors when on the church property, be aware of your surroundings and let your group's leader know if something seems "off" to you. If you see something, say something. Also, always check doors when leaving the church to be sure they are locked behind you.

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In Peace.

Deb.



More than 35 people representing 3 local Presbyterian churches attended the Active Threat Training on February 3rd at Trinity. The training session was conducted by a Zanesville City Police detective.

Peru-Presbyterian Partnership—Continued from Page 1 –

Next week we will attend the General Assembly of the Joining Hands Network as they reflect on the past year's activities and plan for the future of their campaign for climate change, environmental justice and health rights. We are looking forward to participating and sharing about our last year's work as PERUSA.

We are also now in the heavier planning phase for our US church delegations who will arrive this summer. We are working on in-country logistics, agendas, meetings with partners to plan projects and just simply getting excited for another season of traveling, learning and accompanying our partners.

On a personal note, we would ask that you please continue to pray for Jose's green card process. It has extended much longer than we anticipated, so we are praying and hoping that it starts moving more quickly.

As always, thank you for your continued accompaniment, support and prayers of our ministry here in Peru. We are grateful to know we are surrounded in prayer by each and every one of you. Thank you.

Blessings on this new year and its possibilities.

Peace, Chenoa

Christian Education News

Kris Beebe

Confirmation Class Trip

On February 1st members of the confirmation class and chaperones journeyed to Columbus to Congregation Tifereth Israel, a conservative synagogue. Under the watchful eye of the security guard we were warmly welcomed by member and greeter Jane. She introduced us to several other key people and the rabbi even came out of the service to greet us! We wore the "caps" or yarmulkes as requested and entered their massive worship room. (Men are required to wear the yarmulkes, and for women wearing them is optional. However, many women wore them.) The service was mostly in Hebrew, but they had books with the order printed in Hebrew on the right side and in English on the left. As Hebrew is written from the right to the left, their books open from what we consider to be the back. Most of the worshipers knew the words by heart and participated easily. Both women and men took part in the service. At the back it appeared that two pews had been removed, and an area had been created for young children to crawl and play quietly as their parents participated. At the conclusion of the service Jane appeared again and invited and encouraged us to join them for lunch. It was a Kashrut meal, meaning they do not allow meat and dairy in the same meal. This meal was all dairy. We enjoyed the meal and the fellowship. We happened to sit at the table with the rabbi emeritus and his family, and the conversation was very interesting. Thanks to Rev. Deb for encouraging us to make the visit and arranging the details for us.

Youth Sunday - March 15th

The confirmation youth are busily planning the service for March 15th. We hope you will join us for the service this day. The youth are in the process of planning and practicing their individual responsibilities. As of now, the ushers and the group assigned to snacks after church will remain as already scheduled.



March Birthdays and Anniversaries

2: Maria Johnson

5: Colton Hina

8: John & Donna Myers**

9: Jack Tysinger

10: Tom Littick

11: Liz Grimm
Cameron Hill

14: Raymond & Danelle Murphy

15: Hinda Ardrey Steven Welch

18: Richard Patterson*

20: Kathy Hixson

23: Keith & Lori Meadows

24: Bob & Jan Jenkins

25: Elizabeth Linn*

Herbert and Shirley Hicks

31: Fred Love
Julie Maneely
Macy Meadows

* 80 years or older

** Over 50 Years of Marriage

*** Golden Anniversary

If you notice a missing birthday or anniversary, please notify the church office.

Unable to Attend

Helen Purcell: Ann Nicholas

Primrose: Graham Robb, Kate Saunders

Home: John Dixon

Home: Clara Mae Hansen

Home: Dorbie Littick



April Birthdays and Anniversaries

1:	Betty	Ward*
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3: Heidi Church

6: Jeffrey Bates Judy Lyle

8: Bill Cook Anna Johnson

14: Suzanne Mennega Dora Taylor

17: Matthew Patterson Keith & Patty Van Horn

20: Doug Myers Linda Taylor

21: Cathie Jenkins

22: Kimberly Mortimer

23: Tim & Susan Thompson

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Our Worship Leaders

March Worship Leaders

Head Usher: Richard Patterson

	Greeters	Ushers	Liturgist	
1	Bill & Joan Miska	Hinda Ardrey, Ray Mennega, Dedi	Joe Johnson	
		Spargrove		
8	Jeaneen Morland & Marsha	Nancy Killian, Bill Miska, Charlene	Tim Patterson	
	Mortimer	Noland		
15	John & Donna Myers	Marsha Mortimer, Tim Patterson, Marilyn	Lew Sidwell	
		Royer		
22	Marsha Mortimer & Donna	John & Donna Myers, Frank Walburg	Marshall Hightower	
	Steinman			
29	Larry & Becky Welch	Larry Good, Lew & Terri Sidwell	Rev. Dr. Herbert Hicks	

April Worship Leaders

Head Usher: Larry Welch

	Greeters	Ushers	Liturgist
5	Larry & Linda Good	Nancy Killian, Ray Mennega, Charlene	Richard Patterson
		Noland	
12	Dorothy Allison & Marilyn	Hinda Ardrey, Bill Miska, Marsha	Bev LeMaster
	Royer	Mortimer	
19	The Devin Ardrey Family	John & Donna Myers, Marilyn Royer	Ray Mennega
26	Mary Flanagan & Nancy	Tim Patterson, Lew & Terri Sidwell	Maggie Nussbaum
	Killian		

Note: If you are unable to serve on your designated Sunday, please do these two things. <u>First</u>: Contact someone who will trade Sundays with you **or** will fill in for you. <u>Second</u>: Notify the pastor or the church office of the change.

Note: The head usher serves as an usher each Sunday.

March 2020 at Trinity						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
8:00 Bells of Praise 9:00 Sunday School 10:30 Worship (Communion) 1:00 p.m. Prayer Shawl (at Helen Purcell Home 5:00 p.m. AFGC	7:00 p.m. NA	3	6:00 p.m. Christian Ed. 7:00 p.m. Choir 7:00 p.m. NA	5 8:00 a.m. Men's Breakfast (Genesis Café) MBS following Breakfast 11:00 a.m. WBS 5:00 p.m. LBS 5:30 p.m. WW 5:30 p.m. PQ	7:00 p.m. NA	7 9:00 a.m 3:00 p.m. PQ (Feather- weight Group)
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Sunday School: 9:00 a.m.

Worship: 10:30 a.m.



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